

which significantly weakens the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Until Congress passes bipartisan legislation to right this wrong, every American's sacred franchise, the right to vote, is under attack.

So this Black History Month, let us make time to recommit to working together to ensure a better, brighter, and more equitable future for all Americans.

#### ERIC WILLIAMS CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's correctional officers risk their safety every day in order to keep prisoners, visitors, and other officers safe.

In most Federal prisons, there are only one or two officers on duty in a cell block, meaning officers are guarding nearly 130 prisoners with virtually nothing to protect themselves.

We have seen the reality of this situation with the death of Correctional Officer Eric Williams, who was murdered by an inmate at a Pennsylvania prison. In addition, last year more than 2,500 weapons were confiscated from inmates in Federal prisons.

The Bureau of Prisons is currently operating a 1-year pilot program that allows correctional officers in some Federal prisons to carry pepper spray for protection.

Mr. Speaker, this week the House passed the Eric Williams Correctional Officers Protection Act, legislation that I have supported, to expand this pilot program to medium-security prisons and require a training course before they can use this pepper spray.

We need to provide our correctional officers the tools they need to protect themselves and others.

#### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. PETERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, San Carlos Park, Florida, June 8, 2014: Maria Navas, 29 years old; Allison Navas-Sanchez, 10; Sophia Medina-Navas, 5; Mia Medina-Navas, 2.

Chicago, Illinois, September 29, 2015: Charles Lewis, 28 years old; Tyrone Spikes, 28; Antian Hardmon, 25; Ayanna Northern, 22.

Houston, Texas, November 20, 2013: Yosselyn Alfaro, 21 years old; Veronica Hernandez, 17; Daniel Munoz, 17.

Long Branch, New Jersey, September 1, 2015: Amanda Morris, 29 years old; Brandon Beharry, 7; Brian Beharry, 4.

Baker, Louisiana, December 11, 2015: Perry Allen, 55 years old; Joseph Allen, 57; Mark Allen, 51.

Ottawa, Kansas, April 28, 2013: Steven White, 31 years old; Andrew Stout, 30; Kaylie Bailey, 21; Lana Bailey, 1.

#### RECOGNIZING THE STAR FOUNDATION

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Southern Technology Advocacy Resources Foundation, the STAR Foundation, and its unbelievable capability to transform lives in coastal Georgia.

Wally and Katie Orrel and Ellen Murphy founded the STAR Foundation in 1997 with the goal of providing computer training to residents of public housing in Brunswick, Georgia.

Over its 20 years, the STAR Foundation has expanded to teaching life, financial, and work-readiness skills that lead their students to be successful members of their community and the workforce.

The STAR Foundation's 8-week course is open to students outside of public housing as well as residents of McIntosh and Camden Counties.

The impact of this foundation is incredible. Over 1,000 students have graduated from the STAR Foundation, and 70 percent of their graduates improve their employment status within 15 months of graduation. Some outstanding students can even receive a personal computer for their home.

I am grateful for the work that the STAR Foundation is doing in the First Congressional District of Georgia, and I wish the program and its graduates success for many years to come.

#### NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, small-business owners make up over 90 percent of private sector employers in my home State of Hawaii, and they are the backbone of our economy both in Hawaii and across the country.

In our close-knit community built on generations of small-business owners willing to lend a hand to a neighbor in need, this is one of the things that makes our State so special and that helps to bring the aloha spirit alive both for visitors and kama'aina alike.

Last week I had the chance to spend some time planting kale and beets at the Palaka Moon Farm with Waimanalo small-business owners Malia Smith and Kevin Vaccarello.

I then went and helped them open their Ai Love Nalo cafe, where they seek to improve the health and well-being of their community around them by feeding them delicious, locally grown food.

It is the hard work of people like Malia and Kevin and the love that they put into their business and work that are at the heart of our economy in communities across the country and in Hawaii.

As we recognize National Entrepreneurship Week this week, I want to say thank you to all of our small-business owners and entrepreneurs for their dedication and for what they do to strengthen and serve our communities every single day.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S MISSING PLAN

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when I was in law school, if a person did not turn in a term paper, they flunked. But the former constitutional law professor has missed a deadline required by law.

Under the bipartisan 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, the President is required to send Congress a real, comprehensive strategy to defeat ISIS. He signed this law. The due date was February 15. The paper is overdue.

Confronting terrorism and emphasizing the safety and security of the United States is critical. Why hasn't the President complied with the law he signed? Where is the plan? Where is the strategy? People are being killed by ISIS.

The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Lieutenant General Stewart, stated that ISIS "will probably attempt to conduct additional attacks in Europe, and attempt to direct attacks on the U.S. homeland in 2016."

Mr. Speaker, this is not law school. This is the real world where terrorists kill the innocent. The President should spend more time developing a plan to defeat ISIS than planning to close the jailhouse for terrorists in Guantanamo Bay.

I wonder what grade the President, the constitutional law professor, would give himself, the Commander in Chief, for ignoring this legal requirement to turn in his paper.

And that is just the way it is.

#### SENATE SUPREME COURT CONFIRMATION

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the United States Senate is failing to serve the American people.

This week Senate Republicans announced their plan to simply ignore President Obama's nominee to the Supreme Court with no hearings, no votes, no chance for the public to witness an open and honest debate over the future of the Court.

This is what the world's greatest deliberative body looks like under Republican control. Refusing to fill the vacancy until the next election disregards the will of the American people who elected President Obama twice, despite Republicans making it their primary mission to deny him a second term.

It also reflects a dramatic change of heart from Senator GRASSLEY, who once said a nominee should be considered, regardless of election politics. This is hypocrisy, plain and simple.

I accept that Senate Republicans have the constitutional authority to reject the President's nominee, but I do not accept their refusal to even consider that nominee. The American people shouldn't accept it either.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE POTTER COUNTY EXTENSION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Penn State Potter County Cooperative Extension, which connects those in the agriculture industry with the tools and the knowledge to build and grow their farms. This landmark anniversary will be celebrated at the Extension's annual Black and White Gala this Saturday, February 27.

Agriculture continues to be a major industry in Potter County and has also played a big role in the county's heritage, especially when it comes to potatoes.

Potter County is the home of Potato City, which was built in 1949 through the efforts of the Pennsylvania potato growers, packers, and related industries.

It was there that Dr. E.L. Nixon, uncle of President Richard Nixon, worked on the development of new types of potatoes for crossbreeding. To this day, the Potato City Country Inn is a tourist destination for people across the Commonwealth.

Potatoes from Potter County also continue to be sold across the United States and in many foreign countries.

I congratulate the Extension on 100 years of serving local farmers, and I wish them continued success in the future.

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#### NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

(Ms. GRAHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Millions of Americans across the country are suffering from eating disorders. It affects their health, their happiness, and can take their lives. I understand what they are going through because I personally struggled with an eating disorder as a teenager and a young woman.

I am speaking up today in the hopes of raising awareness and providing hope. I want other young men and women who are struggling as I did to

know that they, too, can overcome this. I want to tell them that I know it is difficult, but don't wait to seek out help.

Mr. Speaker, by raising awareness, promoting treatment, and with early intervention, we can save lives.

#### SPORTSMEN'S HERITAGE AND RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2015

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 2406.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 619 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2406.

Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HULTGREN) kindly take the chair.

□ 0916

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2406) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, with Mr. HULTGREN (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, February 25, 2016, all time for general debate had expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute, recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

The text of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute is as follows:

H.R. 2406

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015" or the "SHARE Act".*

##### SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

*The table of contents for this Act is as follows:*

*Sec. 1. Short title.*

*Sec. 2. Table of contents.*

*Sec. 3. Report on economic impact.*

##### TITLE I—HUNTING, FISHING AND RECREATIONAL SHOOTING PROTECTION ACT

*Sec. 101. Short title.*

*Sec. 102. Modification of definition.*

*Sec. 103. Limitation on authority to regulate ammunition and fishing tackle.*

##### TITLE II—TARGET PRACTICE AND MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING SUPPORT ACT

*Sec. 201. Short title.*

*Sec. 202. Findings; purpose.*

*Sec. 203. Definition of public target range.*

*Sec. 204. Amendments to Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.*

*Sec. 205. Limits on liability.*

*Sec. 206. Sense of Congress regarding cooperation.*

##### TITLE III—POLAR BEAR CONSERVATION AND FAIRNESS ACT

*Sec. 301. Short title.*

*Sec. 302. Permits for importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada.*

##### TITLE IV—RECREATIONAL LANDS SELF-DEFENSE ACT

*Sec. 401. Short title.*

*Sec. 402. Protecting Americans from violent crime.*

##### TITLE V—WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVATION COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Sec. 501. Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee.*

##### TITLE VI—RECREATIONAL FISHING AND HUNTING HERITAGE OPPORTUNITIES ACT

*Sec. 601. Short title.*

*Sec. 602. Findings.*

*Sec. 603. Fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting.*

*Sec. 604. Volunteer Hunters; Reports; Closures and Restrictions.*

##### TITLE VII—FARMER AND HUNTER PROTECTION ACT

*Sec. 701. Short title.*

*Sec. 702. Baiting of migratory game birds.*

##### TITLE VIII—TRANSPORTING BOWS ACROSS NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LANDS

*Sec. 801. Short title.*

*Sec. 802. Bowhunting opportunity and wildlife stewardship.*

##### TITLE IX—FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION (FLTFA)

*Sec. 901. Short title.*

*Sec. 902. Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act.*

##### TITLE X—AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION AND LEGAL IVORY POSSESSION ACT

*Sec. 1001. Short title.*

*Sec. 1002. References.*

*Sec. 1003. Limited exemption for certain African elephant ivory.*

*Sec. 1004. Placement of United States Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement officer in each African elephant range country.*

*Sec. 1005. Certification for the purposes of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967.*

*Sec. 1006. Treatment of elephant ivory.*

*Sec. 1007. Sport-hunted elephant trophies.*

*Sec. 1008. African Elephant Conservation Act financial assistance priority and reauthorization.*

##### TITLE XI—RESPECT FOR TREATIES AND RIGHTS

*Sec. 1101. Respect for Treaties and Rights.*

##### TITLE XII—INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS HELD IN THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

*Sec. 1201. Interest on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund.*

##### TITLE XIII—PERMITS FOR FILM CREWS OF FIVE PEOPLE OR LESS

*Sec. 1301. Annual permit and fee for film crews of 5 persons or fewer.*